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SUBJECT: FOOD AID NOTIFICATIONS

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1. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO RELAY FOLLOWING COMMENTS TO GOC
AUTHORITIES CONCERNING REF FOOD AID NOTIFICATIONS:

A. FOR EACH NOTIFICATION, REQUEST STATISTICS SHOWING
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COMMERCIAL IMPORTS BY RECIPIENT COUNTRY DURING MOST RECENT FIVE- YEAR PERIOD AS RECOMMENDED BY FAO PRINCIPLES AND GUIDELINES. DATA WOULD ENABLE USG TO EVALUATE PROPERLY PROPOSED UMR LEVELS, OR LACK OF THEM.

B. IN CASES OF MALI, TUNISIA, AND UPPER VOLTA, PROPOSED UMR FOR FY 1974 IS SAME AS THAT PROPOSED BY OTHER DONOR COUNTRIES FOR FY 1973. WHY ARE THERE NO CHANGES IN UMR FOR FY 1974? HAS GOC ATTEMPTED TO BASE UMR ON MOST RECENT IMPORT STATISTICS AVAILABLE FOR ABOVE COUNTRIES?

C. IT IS DIFFICULT FOR USG TO EXAMINE ADEQUATELY AND RESPOND TO SIXTEEN CONCURRENT NOTIFICATIONS WITHIN TIME PERIOD ALLOTTED. BECAUSE SO MANY PROGRAMS HAVE BEEN PROPOSED AT SAME TIME, WE WOULD APPRECIATE AT LEAST TWO WEEK EXTENSION OF CONSULTATION PERIOD.

D. FOR SENEGAL, NO UMR IS PROPOSED " IN VIEW OF BALANCE OF PAYMENTS DIFFICULTIES". WE WOULD APPRECIATE GOC' S INTER- PRETATION OF IMPACT OF BOP DIFFICULTIES ON COMMERCIAL AGRICULTURAL IMPORTS.

E. WE WOULD LIKE TO ADVISE GOC THAT, ACCORDING TO USG RECORDS, GHANA TO DATE HAS NOW INCURRED A UMR SHORTFALL OF OVER 80,000 MT OF WHEAT. THERE ARE ALSO SUBSTANTIAL UMR SHORTFALLS IN OTHER COMMODITIES.

F. WHY ARE SOME COSTS LISTED FOB AND OTHERS C & F?

2. FURTHER USG COMMENTS ON PROPOSED PROGRAMS WILL BE MADE AFTER RECEIVING GOC' S REPLIES TO ABOVE POINTS. RUSH

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